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RELATIONS

REF (A) ACCRA 1449, (B) LOME 412, (C) LOME 413, (D) LOME 416,

1. NASCIMENTO, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH CANINBLE ALSO GIVEN
AS CAMILLE (LOME 416), IS ONE METER SIXTY-EIGHT TALL, WEIGHS
SIXTY-EIGHT KILOS, HAS LARGE SCAR ON LEFT LEG JUST ABOVE ANKLE,
AND SCAR FROM GUNSHOT WOUND ON RIGHT SIDE.

2. NASCIMENTO'S STORY, AND PERHAPS EVEN HIS NAME, MUST BE IN
DOUBT AS THERE MAJOR DISCREPANCIES. HE CLAIMED TO BE SON
OF ANGOLAN MPLA LEADER LOPO DO NASCIMENTO, WHO ONLY SEVEN
YEARS HIS SENIOR. HE HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF MPLA AFFAIRS, BUT
NOT TO EXTENT AN MPLA MEMBER, AS HE CLAIMED TO BE, SHOULD
KNOW.

3. IF FURTHER MEETING TAKES PLACE, SUGGEST YOU ATTEMPT GET-
TING PHOTOGRAPH OF CANINBLE AND HANDWRITING SPECIMEN.

4. ASSUME LOME SEES DANGER OF A SET-UP AT PROPOSED AFLAO
MEETING (REF D).

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